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REMARKS

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2005. The applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I.

The undersigned appreciates discussing the restriction requirement with the Examiner on April 29, 2005. The Examiner suggested that the applicants select or prepare an independent claim and prepare a set of dependent claims covering aspects of the invention which were previously set forth in a number of independent claims falling in the 20 groups of claims. That is what has been done in the present Amendment. The subject matter of some independent claims is now part of dependent claims, and other independent claims have been withdrawn. New claims 88-91, all of which are dependent, have been added. No new matter has been added to the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should there be any questions or comments on which a telephone discussion might be helpful in expediting the prosecution of the present application.

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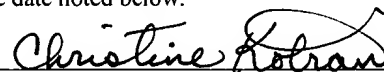
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